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industrialist and one of the members of the East China Military and Administrative Committee. K'uei, it is reported, was found guilty of spreading false rumors by informing his friends that the Chinese Communist agencies were seeking the aid of US benevolent associations, such as the Red Cross, etc., while at the same time the Chinese Communist government was doing its utmost to spread anti-US sentiment.

It is also said that many who have been and are now following the Communist line are divided even among themselves. Some are said to be vigorously opposing the purge movement of the CCP. One of the main reasons why the Chinese Communists have been tolerating these elements was because they had a comparatively powerful influence among the students and farmers. With the increasing tension between the CCP and the Western powers, however, the Chinese Communists have decided to purge these unreliable elements to consolidate their hold in China.

FU TSO-I UNDER FIRE -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 27 Oct 50

Taihoku, 26 October -- According to information received from mainland sources, it is said that the Chinese Communist government in Peiping is now planning to purge all democratic personages and non-Communist elements. It is also reported that these men, including Fu Tso-i, Minister of Water Conservancy of the Central People's government, are under fire and are being severely criticized by the Chinese Communist newspapers and magazines. [Confirmation of this item has not been confirmed by the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao as late as 2 September 1950.]

SAYS MAO PLANS TO ABOLISH ALL PARTIES EXCEPT CCP -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 29 Oct 50

Taihoku, 28 October -- According to a source who recently returned from Shanghai, the Chinese Communists are now purging all democratic personages within their rank and file. This action, the informant said, was being taken by the Chinese Communists to consolidate their hold in China because of the possible capitulation of the North Korean forces. The fact that the democratic leaders are losing their influence over the groups that they once led, he said, is another reason why the Chinese Communists have decided to take this action.

At the time of the establishment of the coalition government, many democratic leaders were appointed to prominent positions. It is said, however, that they were no more than titular heads and were not given any power or authority. Of the many democratic personages who sided with the Communists, Fu Tso-i and Kuo Mo-jo are the only individuals who were accorded any respect by the Chinese Communists. At that time, Fu controlled some 100,000 troops in Suiyuan and Kuo was a former member of the CCP.

It is reported that the China Democratic Party and the KMT Revolutionary Committee now exist in name only. They are under the iron control of Mao Tse-tang. Mao, it is reported, said to a fellow traveler last year that the ultimate objective of the CCP is to abolish all other parties and organizations except the CCP. It appears that the Chinese Communists are now carrying out this plan.

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